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## Exec. Committee Urges Legislature To Honor Mandate

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board held its quarterly meeting at the Baptist Building, Jackson, on March 30. Those present were: Rev. J. R. Davis, Marion Perry, Rev. Glenn Smith, J. Wesley Miller, Rev. C. M. Day, Dr. John E. Barnes, Rev. Joe Hudson, Rev. James H. Fairchild, Rev. Van Hardin, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles.

In addition to naming April as Roundup Month, which was reported in last week's issue, other actions included:

1. Hearing a committee composed of J. A. Travis, W. E. Holcomb, and W. G. Cameron of the Church Council on Alcohol Education explain its program.

2. Hearing Henry Edmonds, Secretary of the United Drys, appraise the liquor bills now before the legislature.

3. Adoption of resolutions urging the legislature to observe the mandate given by the vote on the liquor referendum of 1952.

4. Adoption of a motion to request the boards of trustees and administrative officers of our various institutions to make a study of the present status and needs of insurance on buildings and equipment.

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## W.M.U. Convention Has Good Reports

Gains in practically every phase of W.M.U. work for 1953 over 1952 marked the reports made to the State W.M.U. Convention.

Membership now stands at 28,702 women and 31,506 young people, a new all-time high. There are now 1036 local W.M.U. organizations in the state, a gain of 82 over the previous year's report.

The three Weeks of Prayer offerings in 1953 all went over their respective goals, as follows: State Missions, \$47,648.03; Home Missions, \$64,521.53, and Foreign Missions, \$150,212.30.

The W.M.U. Special Day offering totaled \$16,160.17 going over its goal of \$15,000.

White Cross supplies given in 1953 included quantities of sheets, pillow cases, bed pads, towels, bath cloths, blankets, bed spreads, crib pads and tray cloths, in addition to \$4,000 in cash sent to the Baptist Hospital in Colombia, South America.

17,297 women read at least one missionary book during 1953 while 14,751 women and 9,431 young people were recorded as tithers.

Attendance at all camps, assemblies and conventions was excellent.

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## New W.M.U. Officers Confer



The newly-elected state W. M. U. officers confer soon after their election last Thursday morning at the State Convention. Seated, left to right: Mrs. W. B. Halliday, Jackson, recording secretary; and Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, president; reelected. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, community missions chairman; Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, mission study chairman, and Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, stewardship chairman. (Photo by Kay Amburgey of Jackson Daily News).

## What Baptists Believe About Sin

By REV. A. W. TALBERT

Have you ever sat down and with pencil and paper tried to give your own definition of sin? There are many definitions meaning practically the same thing, and are scriptural. There are also many so-called definitions that are not scriptural and of course very misleading.

Dr. A. H. Strong defined sin as follows: "Sin is the lack of conformity to the moral law of God either in act, disposition, or state." Dr. G. S. Dobbins says: "Sin is turning away from God to serve other gods. Sin is leaving the Lord out of one's life. Sin is uncleanness of life!" In I John 3:4 the Bible speaks of sin as: "Transgression of the law."

Sin is the using of what God has given us on the devil. God has given us talents, strength, personality, time, and life itself, and to use them on the devil and his forces, and to support his cause is sin. Sin is rebellion against God. Man was made in the image of God. To live in a state below that level is sin.

S-I-N is the tree. S-I-N-S are the fruits of the tree. The tree of sin grows in the human heart and life. It is folly for one to think that he can dispose of the tree by cutting off the limbs of various sins with the ax of reformation. One may reform until the tree



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has been well trimmed, but the tree still remains. Only the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from sin. Only Christ can uproot the tree of sin.

Sin is universal: All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom. 3:23. Back of every tragedy is the grim fact of sin. "I have sinned" are the three hardest words to pronounce in any language. Many insist upon pronouncing them "You have sinned." It is a confession every one

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## W.M.U. History Revealed In Effective Presentation

### Interest Mounts In Coop Program Round-Up Month

By CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Interest is already beginning to mount in Cooperative Program "Round-Up Month" as churches and pastors see the opportunity afforded this month to make a real advance in world mission contributions.

Cooperative Program Receipts the first five months of this Convention year were \$530,680.37, a gain of \$74,391.53 over the \$456,288.84 given the same period a year ago.

Our percentage gain is 16.30, however, compared to our goal of a 25 percent increase. Realizing that last April was a good month, we must make a mighty effort during Round-Up Month to make up our percentage increase over last year.

Especially prepared suggestions are being sent to the pastors and other church leaders for "Round-Up" Month and calls are being received for additional Cooperative Program materials for use during the month.

Special efforts are being made to enlist all churches to magnify the Cooperative Program during the month.

The four specific objectives for Round-Up month are:

1. Every church that has not made a contribution thus far this year do so during the month.
2. Every church that has given irregularly begin giving regularly and send in a contribution in April.
3. Every church that may have Cooperative Program funds on hand send them in during April.
4. Every church that can do so is urged to make an extra contribution during April.

## What Christian Education Means To Public Schools

(Editor's Note: Due to the fact that there were so many typographical errors in the article by Professor Bigham which ran in the issue of March 11, the article is being carried in this issue.)

BY PROF. V. L. BIGHAM, JR.  
We construct buildings of brick and mortar that serve only as a place to house our schools. The instruction is as strong or as weak as the instructors. A teacher without depth of character cannot teach and develop character traits. You may see an individual without character, but you never see a "real" Christian without character.

To be a successful teacher the

"Hearts the Lord Opened," the eagerly-awaited 127 page history of the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union was dramatically and effectively released and presented Wednesday morning as the highlight of the 76th annual convention which met at the First Baptist Church in Jackson last week.

At the proper time Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, state W. M. U. president, presiding, handed a specially-bound copy of the book to Mrs. George W. Riley, Clinton, as the other contributing writers of the history looked on from their positions on the platform.

The presentation was followed by the singing of "Christ for the Whole Wide World," an offering and the feature address of the Convention, "Greater Things Than These," by Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, executive secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Immediately following the morning session, specially-prepared Convention copies of the history were placed on sale in specially prepared room in the host church. The history was prepared only after much research and months of study.

The convention adjourned at noon Thursday here after hearing a strong message by Rev. John DeFoore, missionary to Alaska, and electing officers for 1954.

The women set March 22-24 as the date for next year's meeting and the First Church of Jackson as the place. Total registration figures were announced at 1631 with 19 of them from out-of-state.

### Officers Elected

All officers were re-elected except two. Mrs. W. B. Halliday, Jackson, was elected as recording secretary to succeed Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, who had served

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# APRIL

## Is Cooperative Program First Half-Year ROUND-UP MONTH

Because the month of April completes the first six month-period of this Convention year the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board has designated April as "First Half-Year Round-Up Month," for the purpose of emphasizing the Cooperative Program and coming to the end of the month well on the way toward our 1954 objective of \$1,500,000.

### Specific Suggested Objectives

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### Our Status To Date

For the first five months of this Convention year, up through March 31, Cooperative Program receipts were \$530,680.37, a gain of \$74,391.53 or 16.30% over the same period last year.

Our objective of \$1,500,000 for this year however calls for a 25% increase. A special effort will be necessary in April to advance our percentage rate of increase from 16.30 nearer to the 25% mark.

For the sake and cause of state and world missions may we urge the full cooperation of every Mississippi Baptist on behalf of this great endeavor.

### MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION BOARD

CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Director of Promotion



## Woman's Convention Was A Great Success

The recent Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Convention held at First Church, Jackson, was one of and probably the greatest that has ever been held by Mississippi Baptist women.

They were present from everywhere in Mississippi and from many foreign fields.

It is probable that 1953 was the greatest year in activity, growth, and contributions for this great organization.

Naturally the larger part of their contributions went to Home, State, and Foreign Missions, for the cause of missions is dear to the heart of the good women. In fact, we still believe that Foreign Missions would have gone under, for a time at least, but for their heroic efforts.

Not only are they missionary-minded and faithful to their organization, but they back the whole program of the whole church. You will find them in the choir, teaching Sunday school classes, doing visitation, leading the lost to Christ, and as messengers of mercy visiting the sick.

Our hats are off to the W. M. U.

—BR—

## Not Too Little But Too Late

The Baptist Record continues to receive articles each Tuesday morning concerning revival meetings and other things that are to take place on the following Sunday. So that no one may be disappointed we offer this explanation:

Only material, and very little of that, about things that could not have been sent in before can be used on Tuesday. The circulation of the Baptist Record has grown so much that the printers must go to press sooner than previously.

Last Tuesday morning three articles concerning revival meetings or other meetings for the next Sunday came. Certainly those people knew about their revival meeting sooner than Monday. Another one came in on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. At that time the Baptist Record was ready for the press and there was no way to get it to Vicksburg even if we had time.

Material for the Baptist Record should be sent as soon as possible. No material can be sent to the printer after Monday morning at 9:30 except emergency matter.

The Baptist Record is glad to have news, but don't wait until the last minute. If nobody but one person waited until the last minute there would be no problem but when a lot of folks do it, somebody is going to get left out.



## Mississippi Needs Them

Recent issues of the Baptist Record have carried pictures of Mississippi young men and women who are graduating at Southern, Southwestern, and New Orleans Seminaries.

We are proud of them and of their accomplishments. And we have a lot invested in most of them. Our churches have been instrumental in their religious development. Our colleges have had a part in training them.

Our special gifts and Cooperative Program dollars have aided in their Seminary training.

We suggest that pulpit committees keep them in mind as they seek pastors and other religious workers.

It is no secret that many of them, if the Lord leads, would welcome an opportunity to come back to Mississippi. And if we don't claim them other states will, for well-trained workers are in great demand.

We are grateful for all our fine young men and women of other states. Mississippi has no monopoly on brains or ability. Other states have young men and women equal to ours. But other things being equal, Mississippians have an advantage in Mississippi.

1. They know Mississippi and Mississippi work. Each state has its own characteristics. Mississippians know ours and would not need to be orientated.

2. They understand our problems.

3. Most of them have and are serving Mississippi churches. They know the plans and programs.

4. They are ours.

## Can Pastors Benefit For Social Security?

We do not know how many, but there are quite a number of pastors who feel that Government Social Security should be available to them. We have no way of knowing whether this applies to those who are or are not members of the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

One of the reasons they advanced for this is the fact that they feel they cannot live on the amount that they will receive, upon retirement, from the Relief and Annuity Board. They are taxed by the Federal Government to support the Social Security Plan and therefore they think they have a right to share in its benefits upon proper payment.

Our readers will recall that this matter came before the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and a committee was appointed to study the matter. Dr. H. H. Hobbs is chairman. At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville, Dr. Hobbs presented the arguments on both sides of the question. He also pointed out advantages and disadvantages.

The rather full account of this report was carried in the February 25 issue of the Baptist Record. Look it up and read it carefully and then read the remainder of this editorial.

It should be remembered that the highest paid pastors can only receive from the Ministers' Retirement Plan a maximum of \$2,000 per year. Few will receive that amount. It is said that the average pastor will receive from \$50 to \$125 a month. At today's prices

that won't go far.

The question will probably come before the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in St. Louis in June. In order that our readers may be able to discuss, and if opportunity presents itself, vote intelligently on the matter, we urge you to read that article now.

—BR—

## Is Your Pastor Graduating?

A country church in Yazoo County is due the credit for the suggestion below. We like it and gladly pass it on.

Their pastor was a senior at Mississippi College. They gave him a graduation present.

Many churches have pastors who are graduating from some school or seminary. Some of them are having a hard time financially.

It would be a fine thing to show your love and appreciation by giving him a graduation present.

Better still, give him a graduation shower. He will remember it as long as life lasts and it will be an inspiration to the pastor. And it might meet a real need.

—BR—

## Our Readers Write

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

This past week I had a wonderful opportunity to express my feelings of our state paper; to one who was not altogether appreciative of it.

As I responded to his disapproval of our outstanding paper, I called to his attention a few of the things I like about it. Then I began to draw comparisons with other state papers. As I did, I became even more thankful for you as editor of "The Baptist Record."

Please continue to give space to Current Events that effect our life as well as Organizational reports, etc.

As I have stated to you before by letter; "Our paper is second to none."

Just thought I'd drop this line with hopes that it will prove encouragement to your future work for Our Lord.

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24 years.

Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, was elected Mission Study Chairman to succeed Mrs. N. A. Edmonds, also of Jackson, and a veteran officer.

Other officers re-elected were: Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, president; Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Sunflower, vice-president; Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Community Missions Chairman; Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, Stewardship Chairman.

Mrs. Tommy Hale, Pontotoc, was elected B. W. C. Chairman.

The Convention adopted 2 recommendations of the Executive Board as follows:

That mats of the Seal of Mississippi W. M. U. be made available at cost to W. M. U. organizations upon request.

That during W. M. U. Focus Week in 1935 one day be set aside as a day of prayer for community missions and special materials be sent from state office.

Dr. Judson Chastain, Richton, missionary who passed away recently at age of 101, was memorialized in a service led by Mrs. D. M. Nelson, of Clinton.

Reid Moore, minister of music of the host church, was song leader with Miss Hazel Chisholm at the organ.

**History Portrayal**

The history portrays not only the early beginnings of Baptist life in the state but gives a running account of the 75 years of Mississippi Baptist W. M. U. life and work.

In addition to the factual history involved the book gives the entire operations of the State W. M. U. program of work, the outlook for the future.

The Convention was 75 years old last year, having been born at Oxford in 1878, and the Diamond Jubilee celebration was featured last year with a giant pageant presented in Jackson's City Auditorium.

The name of the history, "Hearts the Lord Opened," was taken from Acts 16:14 "A woman named Lydia... whose heart the Lord opened... attended unto the things which were spoken."

The history reveals that the first white settlers in the state were followers of Hernando DeSoto and entered the state near Columbus. The first two settlements were at Biloxi and Natchez.

And it was around Natchez in 1780 that the first Baptists settled, coming from South Carolina with Rev. Richard Curtis as their leader.

The first Baptist church was built in 1791 in Cole's Creek in the "Natchez Country" and from then until now the history recites in particular the growth of the W. M. U. after its organization in Oxford in 1878.

Preceding the Convention proper Tuesday evening was the annual social highlight of the Convention, the Business Women's Federation Banquet, held at the host church with 400 business women from over the state present.

The principal speaker was Miss Alma Hunt, with Miss Elizabeth Smith, Magnolia, state Business Woman's Circle chairman in the chair.

**Contributing Writer Receives Copies Of W.M.U. History**

Miss Almarine Brown, (left) state W. M. U. president, presents contributing writers of W. M. U. history copies of the book immediately after Mrs. George Riley, Clinton, received the first copy. Those receiving the copies, in order, are: Miss Edwina Robinson, Jackson; Mrs. Wilma Sledge, Sunflower; Mrs. Wilfred Tyler, Blue Mountain; Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston; Mrs. Sybil B. Townsend, New Orleans; Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jr., Jackson. (Photo by Kay Amburgey of Jackson Daily News).

**What Christians**

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tiveness as a teacher. Every teacher must have a foundation. That foundation can determine which avenue of instruction they will follow. We can impart only what we know. If we have limitations, our instruction will be limited. The first thing you must know about the educational background is—Was it in a Christian environment? If the training was in a Christian Institution we know the right kind of environment has been provided.

A person can be trained in a Christian Institution and still not be a Christian in the same manner an individual can attend church and still not accept Christ. However, you do have the assurance that there were frequent opportunities to accept Christ if a person was trained in a Christian College. Basically, Christian Education provides:

1. Christian Environmental Living.
2. Christian Instruction for Training.
3. Greater Opportunities for Christian Development.

A person can be a Christian anywhere, but it is easier to live a Christian life in a Christian environment.

When we stop getting Christian teachers we begin losing the battle of civilization. We talk about building an Army to combat Communism. We need military might, but if we as a people survive, we must have teachers who are Christians. We have Christian Education to provide Christian teachers.

The following poem is "copied", but it answers the question about a teacher that is a Christian.

*It Is Worth While*  
I found a seed, a tiny thing,  
I handled it with care  
"I want for it the best," I said,  
"Because it is so rare."

I found a nice smooth piece of ground,  
I dug a hole just so,  
Down into it I placed the seed  
And longed for it to grow.

The days and weeks lapsed into

**New Hope, Gulfport Shows Improvement**

Work is progressing at New Hope Church, Gulfport. The educational building has been completed and the church membership in 3 years has grown from 30 to 270.

Cooperative Program receipts have been increased from 10 percent to 15 percent.

A recent revival with Rev. Bob Cook of Mobile as the evangelist resulted in 21 for baptism, six by letter and one by statement.

Rev. Robert C. Clardy is pastor.

—BR—

**Antioch Church Ordains Raymond Maurice Howe**

Raymond Maurice Howe was ordained to the full gospel ministry, March 28 by the Antioch Church, Rankin county. The council was made up of pastors and deacons from the Richland, Crossroads, Johns, Puckett, and Antioch Churches.

Rev. J. L. Reeves led the council in the examination of the candidate.

Rev. Claude Howe preached the ordination sermon. Rev. Bobbie Magee gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. J. L. Reeves presented the Bible, and Rev. L. L. Louk led in the ordination prayer and the Laying on of Hands. The candidate led in the prayer of benediction.

Rev. Claude Howe is pastor at Antioch.

months,

Still had the seed not grown.  
And then I learned to cultivate  
Before the seed is sown.

One day I met a little child—  
A precious gift of God.  
I thought about the little seed  
In the neglected sod.

I lovingly prepared a heart,  
God's Word I planted there,  
I filled it with the love of Christ

How long into that little face  
There stole a welcome smile,  
A tiny hand slipped into mine,  
I said, "It is worth while."

**FULL-TIME AT LIBERTY SHOWS RESULTS**

Liberty Church in Winston Association will soon complete an eight-room parsonage.

The church, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Wilson, pastor, has shown much progress since the church went full-time in January.

The twenty-fourth addition since January came forward during the services on March 28, in which eight decisions were made. The members have been more mindful of their responsibilities as soul-winners and as a result hardly a service has passed since that time that a person has not made a decision for Christ.

The Sunday School and Training Union attendance have doubled.

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**YOUTH WEEK FOLLOWS REVIVAL AT TUTWILER**

Rev. Glenn Dismukes of Hindsboro was the guest evangelist for the spring revival at First Church, Tutwiler, March 14-21 and Jack Alexander of New Orleans Seminary was the music director. The attendance was the largest the church has had for a series of services. There were 18 additions.

Following the revival Youth Week was held with more than 60 Young People and Intermediates participating. Rev. Joe Kellum, served as Youth Week pastor and the church was completely staffed for all regular and some special services. There were 7 additions to the church during the week. Rev. Earl C. Edwards is pastor.

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bies, institutes and other meetings was reported as encouraging. These included W.M.S. Camp, W.M.S. Week at Ridgecrest, N. C., B. W. C. State Federation, Officers' Clinic and the Negro Institute.

The State W. M. U. Department, with offices in the Baptist Building promotes a full program of missionary, educational and benevolent work.

The W. M. U. sponsors several young people's organizations, including Young Woman's Auxiliary, Girls Auxiliary, Royal Ambassadors, and Sunbeams.

The executive and field staff includes Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, executive assistant; Miss Nell Taylor, young people's secretary, and Joel Ray, Royal Ambassador secretary.

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**What Baptists**

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must make, whether he lived 3000 years ago or whether he lives today. Sin wrecks and ruins: Many nations have been wrecked and even annihilated because of sin. It is sin that is troubling our nation today. Statesmen and philosophers are prescribing various remedies for the ailments of the world, but all the time we are treating the symptoms instead of the disease. It is sin that is troubling the world today. God has the remedy. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Sin wrecks the home. It started with Adam in earth's first home. We must not forget that Adam and Eve were driven from this beautiful home because of sin. Sin is still driving men and women from homes today. It causes husbands to be untrue and wives to be unfaithful and children to be disobedient and lawless.

Sin wrecks the lives of individuals: Many times have we seen charming personalities and vigorous and healthy young men and young women wrecked because of sin. Sin is a waster of one's personality, strength, talents, time and even ones entire life. It destroys one's loftiest ideals and brings life to wreck and ruin.

Sin pays wages: It is a sure paymaster, but it does not pay in living wages. "For the wages of sin is death" Rom. 6:23. But thank God the verse does not end there, it continues: "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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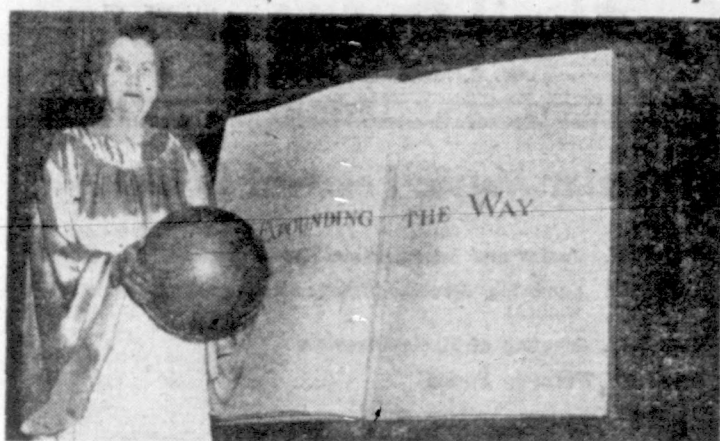
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## Presentation Service W.M.U History



A highlight of the service presenting "Hearts the Lord Opened," the history of the State W.M.U. Convention was Chapter 4 titled, "Expounding the Way." Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, is shown supporting the globe as the giant book in the choir loft is opened. Other chapter titles, similarly presented were: 1—Faith, First; 2—Devoted to Prayer; 3—Full of Good Works; and 5—Living in Expectation.

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## Wayne Coleman Leads Fernwood Youth Meet

The Young People of Fernwood Church, of which Rev. W. W. Tipton is the pastor, are conducting a Youth Week revival April 4-11.

Rev. Wayne Coleman, pastor, First Church, Natchez, is the evangelist. Thomas Dunn is serving as the Youth Week pastor. He brought the morning message of April 4 using as his subject "A Dedicated Life."

Other officers for the week include: Pete Duncan, S. S. Superintendent; Roger Lang, T. U. Director; Benton Stinson, Chairman of Deacons; Hope Simpson, Clerk, and Winton Walker, Treasurer.

## S. E. Pastors' Conference Meets In Laurel April 19

The Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet April 19 with the First Church, Laurel. Rev. T. R. McKibbens is the host pastor. There will be two addresses, one by Rev. W. E. Helten, pastor of West Laurel Church and on the subject, "The Place of the Dead; The Unrighteous Dead, The Righteous Dead." Rev. Robert Leavell of Newton will speak on "Justification."

Others having parts on the program include L. V. Martin and Rev. G. E. Wells.

## ZACHARIA MOAK

Zacharia Moak, 78, died February 27.

We have lost a loyal friend and devoted father. He was not a man of many words, but his faithfulness to his church and to God was a great example.

He was a life-long resident of this community and a member of this church since boy-hood days. He was the last of the original family who gave the land on which the church now stands and for whom it was named.

Brother Moak was ordained as a deacon in 1928. The last church service he attended was on December 20, 1953, a communion service, in which he participated.

The church will always remember the kind, warmhearted, humble life that he lived.

We recommend that a copy of this be sent to his wife, Mrs. Rhoda Moak, one to the Baptist Record, and one placed on the church records.

Moaks Creek Church

## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MISS JACQUELINE HEWITT, Associate  
MISS JOYCE SUTTON, Office Secretary

## AND HERE'S THE LAST

Next week is the last of the four in our 20 district conference tour. The first three have been good, and we hope to close out in a great way.

Here is the schedule for next week: Monday, April 12, Greenwood, Calvary; Tuesday, April 13, Greenville, First; Wednesday, April 14, Drew; Thursday, April 15, Clarksdale, Riverside; Friday, April 16, Senatobia.

Attend the one most convenient. The program begins at 4 in the afternoon and closes at 9 at night, with lunch by the host churches from 6 to 7 p. m.

The afternoon program is on Vacation Bible school work and the night session on the Sunday school. Join us in these conferences.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME IS HERE AGAIN

It seems almost as yesterday since we were in the Vacation Bible school season last year, but it has come to that time again.

Now is the time, if not already done, to make plans for the school. The earlier this is done, the better the school.

All books and materials are now available in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson. Get in your order soon. Get free package from Box 530, Jackson.

## SPECIALISTS NOT NEEDED

And remember this, friends, it does not require some outside specialists to put on a Vacation Bible school. That never was, is not now, and never shall be the idea of these schools.

They are like the Sunday school—to be run and operated by home folks. You don't "order off" after some one to run your Sunday school. That is the vacation school way. Run it yourself with home folks.

## MANY SCHOOLS ARE GROWING THESE ARE SOME OF THEM

Many are the good reports of schools that will go even beyond their part of the "Million More in '54." Here are a few testimonies that are very encouraging:

## Ridgecrest, Jackson:

This new church had a Sunday School enrolment last September 27 of 225; on January 24 it was 347, a gain of 122 within four months. Their goal is to reach an enrolment of 447 by May 1, when the church will be one year old. Rev. Fred Tarpley is the pastor.

## Biloxi, First:

With a net gain goal for the year of 300, this school had reached 228 of it by March 15, which was a 27 per cent increase. That leaves only 72 to reach the goal. The enrolment last October 1 was 848; now it is 1067, and Educational Director Cline says they could double this if they had the space. Dr. G. C. Hodge is the pastor.

## Yazoo City, First:

This church set a new record of Sunday school attendance on Sunday, March 14, with a total of 636

present. That is very fine indeed with the present limited facilities. The pastor, Dr. W. C. Fields, says they need nine new departments right now, and they are looking to the time when they can have them.

Many school leaders are really taking seriously this business of reaching more people this year than ever. It should be that way always.

## Goodman Organizes Mission:

The Goodman church, Rev. John G. McDonald, pastor, has recently organized a mission near by in Attala Association, with 52 present in Sunday school on February 21.

That's the way to reach thousands of people, namely, go where they are. We have many places in the state that need mission stations. In this way, others can be reached for the teaching of the Word and the preaching of the Gospel.

## YES, IT'S TRIPPLICATES NOW

We now have a new application blank for applying for awards in the Sunday school training course. And, it is in triplicate form instead of the old duplicate we have used for all these many years.

## Why the change?

Here is the reason: Before this year the Nashville office kept a complete card file record of every book taken by every person. That became so large that they had to make a change, and now keep only the diploma and seal records, leaving the matter of the individual books to be kept by the individuals and churches.

So, this triplicate blank for applying for awards is so that one copy can be kept by the church sending in the application, and the other two copies sent to the state office, as heretofore, with one being kept in the state office and the other sent to Nashville.

The purpose of the third copy, therefore, is to aid the church in having a record of the awards applied for.

Please keep this in mind, but be sure and send two copies to the state office as you have been doing all along.

## DON'T FORGET RIDGECREST

We have been doing quite a bit of publicity about the bus we are running to Glorieta this year for the first Sunday school week, July 23-August 6, but remember Ridgecrest also. All will not go to Glorieta and many will go to Ridgecrest.

Jim May, Florence, Miss., is running a bus to Ridgecrest for the first Sunday school week there, June 17-23. Write him for particulars.

Write us here at the state office about the Glorieta bus.

—BR—

Three intermediates of Randolph Church in Pontotoc County have received recognition for a year of perfect attendance. They are Tommy Aston, Buren Aston, and Jeanette Pickens.

## May 9th Is MOTHER'S DAY

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## HINDS BAPTISTS PLAN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE



DR. C. E. WILBANKS

Twenty-one churches in the Hinds County Association will conduct simultaneous Revival meetings April 18-May 2.

Many of the churches will have guest preachers and singers, while others will be led by the pastor and music director of the local church.

The simultaneous crusade will be directed by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Director of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In addition to giving direction to the overall campaign, Dr. Wilbanks will be the evangelist in the revival at the Van Winkle Church of which Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor.

The following Baptist churches will participate in the crusade during the period indicated.

April 18-May 2—Southside, Van Winkle, Crestwood, Broadmoor and Byram.

April 18-23—Westview, Highland, Clinton, Midway and Griffith Memorial.

April 18-28—First, Forest Hill, and Parkway.

April 18-23—West Jackson.

April 18-30—Ridgecrest.

April 25-May 2—Raymond Daniel Memorial and Alta Woods Elaine.

April 23-25—Robinson Street Date to be announced on Emmanuel.

Members of the associational Steering Committee for the simultaneous revivals are Rev. Fred Tarpley, General Chairman; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Assistant Chairman; E. L. Herring, Finance; Dr. G. Norman Price, Publicity; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Radio; Dr. Lewis Rhodes, Fellowship; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Extension; Rev. Russell McIntire, Special Rallies; and Rev. Percy Cooper, Prayer Meetings.

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Los Angeles, Calif. — A truck hurtled the center divider on the Hollywood Freeway last Tuesday afternoon, killing four persons, injuring three others and causing a mammoth two-hour traffic jam on the freeway and its feeder streets, in sight of the City Hall.

Police described it as one of the worst accidents in freeway history. Killed were Dell Beach, 45; Chester N. Packwood, 49; Robert C. Reed, 59; and Ralph Ward, 32, all of Los Angeles.

One of these men in the truck, Robert C. Reed, who was killed, was discovered through fingerprints to have been arrested eight times for drunkenness, the last time on June 8. An autopsy has revealed he had been drinking at the time of the accident.

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## Long Beach Church To Have Homecoming

Dr. Webb Brame of Yazoo City, Rev. S. P. Powell of Carriere and Rev. William A. Trotman of Wellas Avenue Church in Baton Rouge will be featured speakers in Homecoming and Anniversary Services at the First Church, Long Beach, on Sunday, April 11. All of these served the church in the past years as pastors.

Featured as a major part of the program will be the old fashioned dinner-on-the-ground and fellowship hour immediately following the morning worship.

This will be the 45th Anniversary of the church which was organized on April 15, 1909 with Dr. Webb as first pastor. Dr. Brame and Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor of Biloxi First Church, were among the original charter members.

Still serving the local church from among the charter members are Messrs. J. A. Hodge and J. H. Jarman, Mrs. J. H. Jarman and Miss Lou Black. Messrs. Hodge and Jarman are active deacons today.

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## HILLSBORO ORDAINS JAMES CHAMBERS

Recently the Hillsboro Church, Scott county, ordained James Chambers to the gospel ministry.

Rev. Carl Duck, Morton, charged the church. Rev. W. P. Blair, Laurel, charged the candidate. Rev. Jeff Brantley, Forest, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. Nat Mayhall, Ludlow, presented the Bible; and Rev. Charley Hawthorn, Clifton, led the ordination prayer.

Others on the ordination council included Rev. L. P. Marler, Forkville; and O. D. Whittington, John Kitchen, Ramond Gordon, and Kendall Hattin, from Clarke College.

Mr. Chambers is a student at Clarke College, and is pastor of Sand Ridge Church, Scott county.

Rev. Paul McDonald is the pastor of the Hillsboro Church.

—BR—

The spring revival of Waller-ville Church in Union County closed on March 28. Evidently the people were revived for the Sunday School attendance which has been averaging about 80, jumped to 169. The goal was 150. Rev. Horace Thomas is the pastor.

## Dr. Ross Dillon To Lead In Clinton Revival



DR. ROSS E. DILLON

Dr. Ross E. Dillon, superintendent of missions for the Union Baptist Association, Houston, Texas, will be the visiting evangelist at the revival services which will be conducted April 18-25 at the Clinton Church.

Dr. Dillon is well known for his pastoral and mission work. He received his doctorate at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri, before becoming superintendent of missions in the Baptist Association which includes the city of Houston, Texas.

Rev. Russell M. McIntyre, pastor of the Clinton Church, announces that services will be held three times daily during the revival period. Morning services will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the church auditorium and at 9:50 o'clock in Nelson Hall, Mississippi College. Evening services will be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

—BR—

A mistake is evidence that someone has tried to do something.

## Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### District Music Festival Schedule

4:30 P.M. Junior and Intermediate Hymn Playing

5:45 P.M. Sandwich Spread. (Bring small package of sandwiches)

6:30 P.M. Meeting of Music Directors

6:30-7:00 Warm-up Period

Festival Offering—Announcements

Adjudication for other choirs and ensembles.

Color Slides of State Music Festival.

Twenty-Minute Mass Choir Concert.

Announcements of Awards—Benediction.

### PLACE AND DATE OF DISTRICT FESTIVALS

April 12—First, Meridian

April 13—Parkway, Jackson

April 14—Lumberton

April 15—First, Gulfport

April 16—McLain

April 19—First, Laurel

April 20—Port Gibson

April 21—First, Magee

April 22—First, Brookhaven

April 23—East McComb

April 26—Hollandale

April 27—First, Durant

April 28—First, Calhoun City

April 29—Lyon

April 30—First, Ruleville

May 3—First, Louisville

May 4—First, West Point

May 5—First, Boonville

May 6—First, New Albany

May 7—First, Sardis

## Dr. H. E. Ingraham To Speak At Louisville

Dr. Harold E. Ingraham, business manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. will be heard in a series of messages at the First Church, Louisville, Thursday, April 8, through Sunday, April 11.

The pastor, Rev. James H.

Farchild, announces that the evening meetings will be divided in two parts. Beginning at 7 o'clock each evening, Dr. Ingraham will speak to all Sunday school workers on the theme of visitation. Beginning at 8 o'clock each evening, he will speak in a general meeting in the church sanctuary, continuing the emphasis of the previous hour, but making an evangelistic application of it.

## Full Speed Ahead Is What We Need!

We have had a wonderful response to our Victory Club drive for the enlargement program of Mississippi Woman's College; but if we are to have our new dormitory ready for our boys this fall, we must increase the tempo of our gifts. We are only asking 10,000 out of 413,000 Baptists to join our Victory Club. WON'T YOU SIT RIGHT DOWN NOW and fill out the pledge card? It will do much to relieve the acute need of our institution at this time. Thank you and come to see us.

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A Daily Bible Readers Certificate and one seal representing four consecutive years of daily Bible reading without missing a day has been earned by Mr. John H. Shivers, a member of Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson.

Mr. Shivers reports that actually he has read his Bible readings for five consecutive years. This means that he will be entitled to another seal to go on his Daily Bible Readers' Certificate after another additional year of daily Bible readings without missing a day.

We congratulate Mr. Shivers on this wonderful achievement and mention it in this column as an encouragement to others to do likewise.

Murphy Creek Baptist Church was well filled Tuesday night, March 16 for the Training Union Mass Meeting of Winston Association. There were 439 people present with 18 churches represented. This is the largest number attending any Training Union Mass Meeting in this association. A very inspiring program was given under the direction of Mr. Billy Tabor, Associational Director.

The following churches received banners: Noxapater, the Efficiency Banner; Oak Grove, the Attendance Banner; Junior Union, Calvary, the banner given to the union with the highest grade.

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### Leadership Schools For DeSoto

Eight churches of DeSoto Association were represented during the week of March 15-19 as associational director Eldridge Ross led in two Group Leadership Schools located at Hernando and Olive Branch.

An average attendance of 179 was maintained during the five nights of the schools. The churches participating were Macedonia, Olive Branch, New Prospect, Pleasant Hill, Hernando, Horn Lake, Grog's Creek and Eudora.

Courses of study planned by the Executive Committee of the association included methods books for Adults, Young People, Junior and Intermediate leaders and workers and Nursery, Beginner and Primary workers and featured the Baptist Faith Month books for Juniors, Intermediates and Young People.

Faculty members at the Olive Branch school included Mrs. R. H. Napier, Mrs. W. S. Reid, Rev. Leon Scarborough, Mrs. J. C. Greenoe of Vicksburg and Miss Louise Hill and Mr. Kermit S. King of Jackson. At Hernando the faculty members included Rev. and Mrs. Grant Clark, Rev. Ervin Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Auber J. Wilds of Oxford and Miss Neta Stewart of Jackson.

The Training Unions of Grenada Association met on March 22 at Holcomb Baptist Church. Five churches were represented. Hillside Baptist Church received the attendance banner. There were approximately 175 people in attendance. The five churches represented were Emmanuel, First, Hardy, Hillside and Holcomb.

Hardy Church presented a challenging program on Youth Week. Special music was rendered by the choir of Emmanuel Church. Other special musical selections were a piano solo by Miss Kay Taylor and an accordion solo by Rev. R. S. Smith.

Mrs. J. E. Richardson, associational Training Union director, resigned at this meeting and Mr. H. L. Barnes, Jr. was elected to this office.

McLaurin Baptist Church in cooperation with other Baptist churches throughout the state observed Baptist Faith Month recently.

The staff for the entire course was composed of students from Mississippi Woman's College. The books which were taught in the various departments and their respective teachers were as follows: Adults, Living in the Faith, Becky Bilbo and Mona Daughdrill; Young People, The Faith We Hold, Bill Cain; Intermediates, The Faith They Kept, Dot Myrick and Roberta Crowell; and Juniors, Heroes of the Faith, Bennie Warren and Joan Stewart.

During the intermission period each night Vivian Geiger, Betty Jo Flowers, and Commie Massey directed the group in a singspiration period. The pastor is Rev. John M. Evans.

## LEWIS CURTIS TO LEAD HOLLANDALE REVIVAL



DR. LEWIS A. CURTIS



MISS KATHERINE MUIRHEAD

Dr. Lewis A. Curtis of Hickory will lead Hollandale Church in revival services April 11-16. Rev. Mark Ferges is the pastor. Miss Katherine Muirhead, Young People's and music director, will have charge of the music.

In addition to the morning and evening services a radio devotional program will be held each morning at 8:15.

### Hear The Baptist Hour

The Baptist Hour preacher for April, May, and June is Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Director, Radio and Television Commission, Atlanta, Georgia.

Stations in Mississippi carrying the program are:

WDOB, Canton, 5 p.m.; WGLC, Greenville; WCLD, Cleveland, 5 p.m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p.m.; WSLI, Jackson; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p.m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a.m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p.m.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 a.m.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 p.m.; and WRJW, Picayune, 1 p.m.

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## May 3 Is WMU Special Day

Make plans now for the observance of the program, with prayer and offering. The theme is most challenging—ESPECIALLY UNTO THESE—this is based on Galations 6:10. A special poster has been sent each Missionary Society for use prior to the day's observance—if it is not posted in your church, ask her about it.

### W.M.U. Special Day Offering Goals

1. Gifts for Equipment to newly appointed Mississippi missionaries	300.00
2. Carver School of Missions and Social Work (Maintenance and scholarships)	3,500.00
3. Maragret Fund Love Gifts	500.00
4. Aged Ministers and Widows of Aged Ministers	2,250.00
5. Camp Garaywa (Enlargement and improvement)	10,000.00
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## Easter Film To Be Shown On Two Miss. TV Stations

A television film depicting the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ will be shown on WJTV, Jackson on April 16 at 9:30 p.m. and on WTOK-TV, Meridian on April 11 in keeping with the Easter season.

Produced for and distributed by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga., the 15-minute film is entitled "The Shadow and The Light."

It is the second such filmograph in a series of eight dealing with incidents in the Life of Christ. The first was "The Coming of Christ" and was televised over 35 stations in 26 states during the Christmas season.

"The Shadow And The Light" is already scheduled for showings on 72 television stations in 16 states and the District of Columbia.

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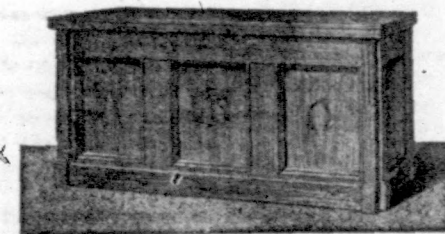
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### LET'S QUIT THE PEANUT BUSINESS

The monthly reports coming to our desk reveal that many of our Brotherhoods are in the peanut business. In fact, the reports indicate that about all some churches have is a carpenters' club that occasionally does a good deed to some old person.

A few of our Brotherhoods seem to have been organized for the express purpose of rifling the pockets of the men for one thing or the other.

No right thinking person would question that men have a responsibility to do carpenter work around the church. In fact they should do that kind of work without a Brotherhood organization.

A lot of organizations, even civic, do good deeds. The church should have been doing more of this all along, but a Brotherhood needs to dig deeper.

In a recent church Brotherhood meeting, three different activities were presented, each of which required money from the men. Men should sponsor activities—not finance them. The church should finance each project.

It is time for us to realize that Brotherhood work is essentially a spiritual ministry. If we lose sight of this emphasis, we are sunk.

If you want to put your Brotherhood in big business, the following objectives will do it:

**EVANGELISM.** . . Here is the place for Brotherhood to begin. Our 1964 Brotherhood program should be thoroughly permeated and motivated with love for lost men and lost boys. What can we

do? Here are some specific suggestions any one of which promotes evangelism, and all of which are possible to individuals and to groups of Brotherhood men.

**STEWARDSHIP** . . . A true Stewardship will begin with a recognition and acceptance of the fact that God is. One's practice of Stewardship will be predicated by one's answer to "Who owns what?" The conviction that life is a sacred trust will circumscribe all conduct.

This idea could be expressed through: Personal Consecration of Time and Talents Through My Church Tithes and Offerings Through My Church, Dedication of Home, Business or Profession, and Participation in Stewardship Emphasis Week, October 31-November 6.

**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.** . . For the individual church member, the Cooperative Program is an opportunity for him to share in all mission, education and benevolent work of the denomination. For the Church, The Cooperative Program is an opportunity to share in all Baptist causes. For the denomination,

**BOYS' WORK** . . . Reaching and influencing boys for Christ is a natural for men. In an effort to lead out in this area, the Brotherhood, during 1964, will urge the men of our churches to: Initiate Man and Boy Movement, Sponsor Recreational Camps and Banquets for Boys, Cooperate with Juvenile Court Authorities, and provide Men Leaders for Boys' Groups.

**ATTEND BROTHERHOOD ENCAMPMENT AT CAMP GARAYWAY, July 9-10.**

### W.M.U. CONVENTION ISSUES RESOLUTION TO LEGISLATURE

The Woman's Missionary Union, convention adopted a strong resolution calling upon the Legislature to "honor the mandate of the people who in 1952 voted almost two to one for the Legislature to keep its promise to enforce such laws as will protect our children, our homes, and our lives from the evils of liquor."

The full text is as follows:

"To Members of State Legislature:

"We, the voting delegates of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, representing approximately 36,500 Christian citizens in 82 counties of our state, do hereby voice our grave concern and our intense resentment of the liquor forces in our state who are seeking to use a social and economic crisis to persuade the Legislature to legalize the sale of intoxicating beverages. We hereby go on record as petitioning both Houses of the

Legislature to honor the mandate of the people who in 1952 voted almost two to one for the legislature to keep its promise to enforce such laws as will protect our children, our homes, and our lives from the evils of liquor.

"We hereby say to each member of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Senate that if the new school program cannot be financed except by taxes on liquor that we respectfully request them to abandon the program and seek other plans for our school system, since it is worse than useless to train the mind at the expense of moral and spiritual values.

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Laurel, West	459	134
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	432	92
Hattiesburg, Main St.	991	371
Laurel, First	623	177
Meridian, 41st Ave.	356	111
Clarksdale	393	69
Canton, Center Terrace	337	141
Laurel, Second Ave.	598	176
Jackson, First	1481	543
Biloxi, First	692	226
Liberty (Winston)	146	110
Ruth	106	98
Charleston, First	436	150
Shiloh (Marion)	68	83
Calvary (Gulfcoast)	72	50
Morton (Scott)	297	134
Main Church	281	
Mission	16	
Charleston, First	436	150
Ruleville	295	133
Main Church	230	78
Calvary Mission	65	55
Lucedale	404	189
Richton	230	98
Union (Alcorn)	101	84
McComb, East	519	233
McComb, Calvary	1410	354
Mission	78	43
Byram (Hinds)	144	112
Jackson, Parkway	1177	510
Springfield (Scott)	154	86
Jackson, Highland	152	111
White Rock Mission	18	
Jackson, Van Winkle	464	229
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	164	91
Flowood	118	113
Pearl (Rankin)	206	140
Jackson, North Side	565	136
Jackson, South Side	366	140
Jackson, Ridgecrest	272	147
Jackson, Broadmoor	435	177
Jackson, Crestwood	469	453
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	673	301
Richland (Rankin)	165	126
Jackson, West	309	122
Pascagoula, First	935	379
Main Church	720	261
Jackson Ave. Chapel	70	42
McArthur Chapel	85	59
Orange Grove Chapel	50	20
Clarksdale, Riverside	196	95
Wayside (Yalobusha)	55	
Morrison Chap. (Bolivar)	214	
Crystal Springs, First	732	181
Kosciusko, First	839	300
Hebron (Jones)	84	91
Skene	174	57
Olive Branch	145	82
Columbus, Southside	162	110
Main Church	147	
Bell Ave. Mission	15	
Gulfport, First	1013	349
Bay St. Louis, First	133	62
Laurel, Joe Wheeler	84	64
Bethlehem (Jones)	283	124
Spanish Fort	66	49
Tupelo, East	309	136
Tupelo, Harrisburg	606	234
Newton, First	477	262
Stonewall	221	138
Bellefontaine (Jackson)	87	74
Meridian, Highland	492	183
Picayune, First	648	
Laurel, Highland	193	79
Biloxi, Trinity	183	63
Springfield, Adams	61	34
New Prospect (Lafayette)	103	74
Grenada, First	615	137
Grenada, Emmanuel	329	120
Main Church	294	112
Futheyville Chapel	35	8
Columbus, First	1040	309
Yellow Leaf (Lafayette)	96	94
Philadelphia, First	389	106
Houston, First	317	149
Friendship (Lincoln)	131	88
Brookhaven, First	837	284
Main Church	714	228
Southway	86	59
Halbert Heights	37	19

### DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED BY W.M.U.

The W. M. U. Convention, in session last week in Jackson, elected District officers as follows:

One — Chairman, Mrs. R. H. Young, Jackson, Young People's Counselor, Mrs. John E. Stone, Jackson.

Two — Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville.

Three — Chairman, Mrs. Ed Turley, Savage; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Earl Edwards, Tutwiler.

Four — Chairman, Mrs. W. L. Carpenter, Pontotoc; Young People's Counselor, Mr. Milton Tutor, New Albany.

Five — Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Eubanks, Weir; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Wilton Walters, Ackerman.

Six — Chairman, Mrs. B. F. Mott, Newton; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. W. K. Denson, Bay Springs.

Seven — Chairman, Mrs. I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. L. H. Eubanks, Lucedale.

Eight — Chairman, Mrs. L. E. Green, Prentiss; Young People's Counselor, Mrs. Felton Barnes, McComb.

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"There are 2500 communities in our larger cities that need Baptist churches." S. F. Dowla.

Brookhaven, Hamilton St.	123	69
McComb, Locust St.	81	46
McComb, North	79	35
Greenwood, Calvary	454	205
Marks, First	255	82
Aberdeen, First	418	129
Pelahatchie	212	85
Main Church	194	
Mission	17	
Itta Bena, First	215	74
Greenville, Second	592	188
Picayune, Roseland Park	195	73
Hattiesburg, Temple	600	182
McComb, Friendship	197	95
West Point, First	578	181
West Point, Calvary	227	125
Clinton	607	380
Moulka	130	77
New Albany	802	196
Mission	55	
New Sight (Lincoln)	162	161
Fair River (Lincoln)	106	68
Concord (Choctaw)	117	103
Longview (Okfibebe)	122	82
Ellison Ridge (Winston)	85	54
Amity (Chickasaw)	49	67
Mt. Pleasant (Holmes)	72	69
Cleveland, First	634	141
Main School	569	
Chinese Mission	57	
Shady Oak Mission	8	
Cranfield (Adams)	95	84
Nola	74	78
Yazoo City	235	146
Friendship (Jackson)	88	70
Meridian, South Side	430	189
Harmony (Tippah)	153	85
Corinth, Tate St.	293	111
Peach Creek	112	102
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	260	184
Oral (Lamar)	74	61
Meridian, Poplar		
Springs Drive	431	169
Petal-Harvey	411	175
Main School	384	
Harvey	27	
Purvis, First	233	97
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	91	92
Oak Grove (Yazoo)	79	98
Hernando, First	201	108
New Liberty (Calhoun)	98	75
Cowart (Tallahatchie)	179	86
Hickory Flat	172	95

### W. H. CROUCH ACCEPTS NORTHSIDE PASTORATE



REV. WILLIAM H. CROUCH

Rev. William Henry Crouch, Taylorsville, Ky., has accepted the pastorate of Northside Church, Jackson, effective Sunday, May 16, at which time he will fill the pulpit.

He succeeds Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, who resigned several months ago to take a pastorate at Greenville.

The young Kentuckian preached at the Northside Baptist church the last Sunday in March and was immediately offered the local pastorate by the pulpit committee and the church as a whole.

Mr. Crouch attended Mars Hill and Wake Forest, with graduate work at the University of Louisville, has the B. D. degree from Southern seminary and will receive the Th. M. degree on May 20. He has served pastorates in North Carolina and Kentucky, coming to Northside from a very successful pastorate at the First Church, Taylorsville, Kentucky, where the Church under his leadership has enjoyed great progress.

He is the son of Dr. Perry Crouch pastor of the First Church, Asheville, North Carolina. The Crouches have two children, Bill, Jr., 2½ years old, and little Debora, four months old.

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### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

April 12—Rev. James Travis, Lincoln Associational Organizer of Evangelism; Dr. D. M. Nelson, President, Mississippi College.
April 13—Curtis A. Smith, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage; C. A. Smith, Union County Association of Brotherhood President.
April 14—Mrs. I. E. Rouse, W.M.U. District Chairman, District 7; W. B. Lowry, Lauderdale Association Sunday School Superintendent.
April 15—Max Brent, Jones Junior college BSU President; Ma nair College BSU President; Marian Leavell, Ole Miss BSU Secretary.
April 16—Mrs. Jean Nowell, Baptist Building; John McBride, Okfibebe Associational Training Union Director.
April 17—Rev. C. J. Olander, Leflore Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Trustee, Mississippi Woman's College.
April 18—W. W. Herrin, Trustee, Clarke College; Dr. L. E. Green, Chairman, Committee on Committees.

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### TIME FOR PRAYING

These days, near the time of selection of new BSU officers, should be days of much praying. Those selected to lead their fellow students in the work of Christ can, in truth and humanly speaking, make or break His influence on our college campuses.

### Should H. S. Seniors Be Invited?

All BSU leaders are urged to write State Sec'y Horner very soon to whether they are in favor of giving a special invitation to High School seniors to attend the Officers' Rereat at Delta State, April 23-25.

### OPEN HOUSE HELD AT E.C.J.C.

Recently at E. Central Jr., "Open House" was held for the pastors of the five county area served by the college. E. C. J. C. hopes to take a bus lead to Ridgecrest according to BSU Director Gladys Bryant. Twenty-six BSUs were elected to "Who's Who" at E.C.J.C. recently.

Miss Jean Stampler, of the New Orleans Rachel Sims Mission, was the featured speaker for Home Missions Emphasis Week at Mississippi College.

Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Promotion for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, recently spoke to the Greater Council at Mississippi College on the officers, organization and work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Jones Pounders has recently succeeded Hal Lee as Enrollment Chairman at Mississippi College.

Mission volunteers would do well to plan to attend the Foreign Mission Conference at Glorieta July 1-7 and/or the one at Ridgecrest July 20-Aug. 4.

One girl to another: "I think he loves me, but he never comes right out with anything I can put on my finger."

Then there was the Scotsman who doctored himself with the aid of a book of medicine and died of a misprint.

Sign in the window of a New Orleans optometrist: "Eyes examined while you wait."

According to Chas. A. Wells in *Between the Lines*, no one under 18 is allowed to attend movies in Switzerland. The idea is "for the protection of young minds."

Along with college pastors and students, we would cordially invite High School Seniors to plan to attend Student Week at Ridgecrest (June 2-9) or Glorieta (Aug. 25-31).

The State BSU Department would appreciate the names and home and college addresses of all new Executive Council members as they are being elected during these weeks.

Graduating seniors are reminded and urged to join a church in their new place of residence and to be active in it as soon after graduation as possible.

BSU leaders are reminded that both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards have many free helps, and other helps at nominal cost, to stimulate students to support our mission causes to the ends of the earth. Home Board Address: 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. Address Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Frank Hart Smith, Miss. College grad and new Minister of activities of Seventh and James Church, Waco, Texas, has a very interesting article on "God's Hour — at Homecoming" in the April Baptist Student.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### Cold Springs Is No. 1087

One of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record is Cold Springs Church in Covington County. The pastor is Rev. Chester Roberts.

Record readers in Covington County are now listed as follows: 60, LEAF RIVER 35, COLLINS 60, LEAF RIVER 36, MT. HOREB 34, MT. OLIVE 117, NEW HOPE 49, ORA 42, SALEM 101, SANFORD 35, SEMINARY 98, and UNION JR. 21.

### Center Hill, Leake, Is No. 1090

Center Hill Church in Leake County is not letting a building program interfere with the Baptist Record. Unlike a few churches that feel that during a building program they must discontinue the Baptist Record, Center Hill Church has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, although in the midst of a building program.

Rev. Lewis Shoemaker is the pastor. The church has voted to give 10 percent of its income to the Cooperative Program.

The new building under construction will probably be occupied before this article appears in print. Record Readers in Leake County are now listed as follows:

Bethel, 1; CARTHAGE, 168; CEDAR GROVE, 44; CENTER HILL (CONWAY), 31; Corinth, 1; GOOD HOPE, 45; LENA, 77; McDonald, 13; MADDEN, 47; MARS HILL, 54; MIDWAY, 39; MT. CARMEL, 30; MT. ZION, 38; New Hope, 15; New Prospect, 9; NEW PROVIDENCE, 31; PLEASANT HILL, 34; ROCKY POINT, 66; Standing Pine, 2; THOMASTOWN, 63; TUSCOLA, 38; WALNUT GROVE, 76; Wiggins, 16; NEW ZION, 26; Hopewell (Indian), 15.

### Durant

While Pastor C. M. Day was away in a revival meeting we had the privilege of supplying at Durant.

Durant is one of the few churches of Mississippi where they have as good crowds at the evening service as they do at the morning service. Perhaps one of the reasons for this excellent attendance, in addition to the fine leadership and preaching of Pastor Day is the fact that they have an outstanding musical program led by James Hayes, Music and Education Director.

Record readers in Holmes County are now listed as follows: BEULAH, 40; Bowling Green, 1; CRUGER, 28; DURANT, 139; Ebenezer, 19; GOODMAN, 85; HARLAND CREEK, 28; HORSESHOE, 28; LEXINGTON, 138; MT. PLEASANT 39; Oak Grove, 19; PLEASANT RIDGE, 38; TOHULA, 64; WEST, 34; PICKENS, 57; Mt. Vernon, 1; Oregon, 11; ANTIOCH, 21.

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In the May issue of the Baptist Student there is a good likeness of Jesse Phillips, State BSU Secretary for Mississippi. He is a senior journalism student at the University of Mississippi.

## History Chairman Receives 1st Copy



Mrs. George W. Riley, Clinton, (left), chairman of the history committee of the state W. M. U., receives the first copy of "Hearts the Lord Opened," after its presentation last Wednesday morning at the state W. M. U. Convention. Presenting the copy is Miss Almarine Brown, Jackson, president. (Photo by Kay Amburgey of Jackson Daily News.)

## Jackson Church For The Deaf Opens Formally Easter Sunday

The Jackson Church for the Deaf will have formal opening Easter Sunday from two to four p.m. The church is the first and only church for the deaf in Mississippi.

Dr. Boyd B. Underwood, President of the Ministerial Association of Jackson, will make the opening address, followed by the local pastors; Rev. M. L. McCormick, District Supt. of the Methodist Church;

Rev. Lewis Rhodes, President of the Baptist Association; Rev. M. J. Sampson, Lutheran Minister, Dr. Vincent C. Franks, Episcopalian Rector; Rev. Lee C. Pierce, First Christian Church Minister.

W. D. R. Stovall, Baptist lay leader, will sing by music while the deaf members sing in sign language.

Refreshments will be served by the members of the church.

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### New Forkville Pastor

Rev. L. Parkes Marler has recently accepted the call of Forkville Church. He comes to the church from Silver Creek Church, Pike County.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Marler are graduates of Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

They arrived on the field to find a kitchen of nice gifts and a host of the church members to welcome them.

Mrs. Marler is the former Martha Ellen Townsend. They have a one year old daughter, Gloria.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: R. Y. Gerard, Utica; Martin Williams, Short Creek; Rev. R. W. Porter, Rome, Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Rev. E. E. Hedgepeth, Monticello; Margaret Herring, Lexington; Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Bryant, Hickory Flat; Mrs. Alma Cole, Hickory Flat; Rev. Mark Ferges, Hollandale; Mrs. W. A. McComb, Mississippi City; C. E. Maroon, Jackson.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Salem Church in Carroll County. The list was sent by Mrs. W. W. Bennett.

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## Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey  
Campbell  
For April 11

### BETRAYAL AND CRUCIFIXION

Bible Lessons: Devotional, Psalm 16; John 18-19.

**PERSONAL:** I have just read John 18-19 and I ask you to do the same. Your reading of the passage will bring before you again the successive steps in the greatest tragedy that was ever enacted on the earth.

#### I. JUDGMENT

Our verb "to judge" translates a word that means "to separate", as the good from the bad, "to sift", as the chaff from the wheat, or the bran from the meal. It means to classify men as to their attitude toward the right, according to their relationship to God.

Now get your tablet and write it down in illuminated letters that every day you live is judgment day for you. It is a process that never ceases. "He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the souls of men before His Judgment Seat". And whether our souls are swift and our feet are jubilant to answer Him daily, parts us as sheep upon His right hand or as goats upon His left. Men are not so much judging Him as He is judging them, and their characters and their actions as the fruit or their characters.

#### 1. Annas!

Wretched old money-grabbing Shylock! Willing that an innocent man should die the death of the cross that Annas might still enjoy the concessions on the temple grounds and grow richer and richer through the gains from the sale within the temple grounds of the animals for sacrifice and the outrageous exchange rates travelers, were compelled to pay to get their foreign money changed into Jewish. Resolved, no doubt, to accomplish the death of Jesus from the hour He first cleansed the temple by driving the animals from the temple—animals that were in the temple, where they should not have been sold, because their owners had bought from Annas the right(?) to offer them for sale there—and overturning the tables of the money changers who had bought the privilege (?) from Annas of plying their extortionate business there. Old Annas' enmity to Jesus judges him. Poor unhappy, wretched, devil-enslaved old Annas, selling his soul for shekles, deserting his deity for ducats, denying his God for gold! Fat old Annas presumed to question the righteous man brought before him bound, and got the answer, "Why are you questioning Me? Ask those who heard what I told them. Of course, they know what I said." This answer put poor old Annas "on the spot," and forever placed him among the suppressors of the right, the supporters of the wrong.

#### 2. Pilate!

Fence-straddling, time-serving popularity-seeking politician! Listening to the rabble snarling like a pack of famished wolves and barking like the hounds of hell for the blood of an innocent man, and the milk-livered disgrace to the

ermine of a Roman judge in craven fear daring not to command the howling pack back into its kennel Pilate's judge stood before Pilate that day, and through all the centuries since Pilate stood there, the world has known the guilt and sentence of this poor wretch who knew the good and did it not in order that he might hold his political job!

#### 3. And what of the mob?

Fickle, unstable, wishy-washy, hunting dog of the master who toots his hohn the loudest, shouting hosannas till they woke the echoes in the eternal hills about the Holy City, and in less than a week, yelping for the blood of Him whom their lips had praised so brief a time before! Judged guilty of the crime of having murdered the Son of God. But thanks be unto God, they did have hearts that might be and were pricked by the Spirit-sharpened words of Peter at Pentecost and they did yield to the grace of God, that the world might see what God can make of ruined men when in faith they turn to Him.

#### II. REDEEMER—KING

1. Let us speak of Him first as Redeemer. He came to "Save His people from their sins." It is thus we think of Him most often, perhaps, Saviour, and His very name, "Jesus," conveys that idea. But let us also remember that man is sold unto Sin, in bondage to the Devil. If ever man is to be free, he must be redeemer, bought back from the slave market. One might say it was a swap in which the Redeemer gave Himself for sinning man. Better say He gave Himself in the sense of giving His life for the forfeited lives of men that He might redeem men from death, and from all iniquity. Redemption is a continuous act which begins with calling us out of the sleep of death and continues with our cleansing, and in the consummation, our glorification. This is the completed process of our salvation, when we shall see Him as He is and be like Him for cleanness and holiness.

2. King. I do not know how to read the words of Pilate as he questioned Jesus. "So you are a king?" said Pilate, "you!" (John 18:37. Moffatt). How unlike a king after Pilate's conception was this disheveled, shabby man! To one who had been bred as Pilate had been to the splendors of the court of the world's greatest ruler, used to observing the trappings of royalty that hedge a king, how poor indeed must this man of Galilee, this peasant from the hinterlands, have appeared!

But the Jews insisted that the Man had pretended to be their king, and Pilate was willing in the end to pay the Jews his deep-seated grudge against their pretensions to national sovereignty. So he placarded the charge the Jews had brought against Jesus, and caused the card to be nailed on tree of the cross above the head of the victim, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Thus Pilate mocked them, but had slight idea of the truth in the title or the wide-spread meaning of it. The crown-rights of Jesus leap all racial boundaries and embrace the world of believing men. And His sovereignty rules in every realm of life.

1. He is King, as Victor over sin. He came through the broken bars of death with the soul of a

## DR. THOMPSON ACCEPTS CALVARY PASTORATE



DR. LUTHER J. THOMPSON

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson is the new pastor for Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, it is announced by Henry Riser, chairman of the pulpit committee of the church.

He is now at McAlester, Okla., where he has built the largest membership in that entire section of Oklahoma. He comes to Jackson the second week in May.

Dr. Thompson will succeed Dr. Harold G. Basden, who recently became pastor of Gaston Avenue Church in Dallas.

Dr. Thompson is a native Tennessean. He received his education at Cumberland University; Carson-Newman College; Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; and the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. From these institutions he has received the following degrees: the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Master of Theology degree, and the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Dr. Thompson is in his fourth year as pastor of the First Baptist Church, McAlester, Oklahoma. He came to McAlester from a five year pastorate at First Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee.

Dr. Thompson has served for several years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and as a member of the executive committee of that Board. He is at present pastor advisor for the Baptist Student Union of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Thompson is the former Mary Evelyn Wings of Franklin, Kentucky. She is a graduate of Western State College, Bowling Green, Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

The Thompsons have one son, Joseph Mark, who is four years of age.

During the three years and ten months in which Dr. Thompson has served as pastor at McAlester there have been 1258 additions to the church; 419 by baptism and 839 by letter. The average attendance for Sunday School has increased from 677 to 956.

redeemed robber in His arms.

2. King over the realm of death. Once and again he rebuked it, and death heard His command and obediently released its victim.

3. King over the loyal hearts of those whom His race has redeemed from death and made children of the loving Father.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd  
50 YEARS AGO

Pastor J. P. Hemby of the Hazlehurst Baptist Church is trying to lead his church to give \$200.00 for missions during this year which "is more than they pay their pastor for his services." Five years ago the church was not giving "more than \$20.00 to missions for any one year."

#### 40 YEARS AGO

The new Baptist Church at Boyle was dedicated, Pastor S. W. Sproles, being assisted by Rev. Harry Leland Martin as the preacher.

Pastor R. A. Eddleman reports "new life" in the church activities of the Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson. Since his coming in February as their under shepherd — "the attendance upon the church services has practically doubled and the Sunday School attendance has gone from 70 to 114" and twelve additions, one for baptism.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

The Central Church, McComb, closed a very successful meeting with 19 accessions. Pastor H. L. Carter was assisted by Rev. B. L. Davis of Picayune.

Rev. W. L. Howse formerly of Jackson celebrated his eighty-fifth anniversary by preaching at First Church, Clewiston, Florida. The pastor, Rev. L. T. Fagan, on behalf of the church, presented a love gift. Mr. Howse makes his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Ruth Howse Yeates of Clewiston.

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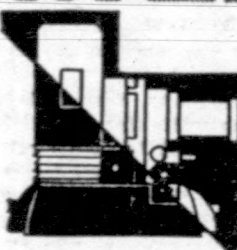
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## Maryland The First State To Adopt Security Plan With Mississippi Close

With Maryland the first state to adopt the new Minister's Security Plan, cards continue to arrive in the Baptist Building with nearly enough now to bring Mississippi in close behind Maryland, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

By April 2, 252 cards had been received from members and 232 cards had come in from churches. 231 units are necessary for adoption. A unit is a member and his church or churches. Since some pastors have more than one church, several more church cards are necessary before final adoption.

Members and churches are urged to send in their cards as soon as they are ready, so final adoption can be announced.

Under the new Ministers Security Plan the member pays 5 percent of his salary, the church 5 percent and the State Convention Board pays 5 percent, up to a maximum of \$4,000 per year.

The new Plan combines the present Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan and adds five new very desirable benefits.

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### "404 IN FALL OF '54" IS MWC GOAL, THEME

By REV. S. M. (HAPPY) WHITE

We here at Woman's College are working to reach our goal of 404 students by September '54. It looks brighter and brighter every day.

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Possibly you have a fine young man or young lady in your church that would like to go to school, but because of finances can not. Let your church accept the challenge of defraying their expenses.

For example, just the other day one of our fine preacher boys was going to drop out of school, because of finances. The pastor at one of our churches phoned and said, "Brother White, tell him that our church has assumed all of his financial responsibility; therefore, he can go ahead and complete his education." I wish you could have seen the expression of gratitude in the faces of him and his wife.

Without your children and mine we would need no college, but because we do have our fine boys and girls the responsibility of adequate means for their Christian education reverts back to you and me. We should always remember that their spiritual growth is just as important as their mental and physical.

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"According to the record, the best way for Baptists to have more converts, more workers, more money, and more missionaries, is to have more churches and more church buildings." From the script of a Home Mission Board production. HOUSE FOR GOD.

### Estus Mason To Be Crystal Springs Pastor



REV. ESTUS MASON

Rev. Estus Mason has resigned at South Side Church, Meridian, to accept the pastorate at First Church, Crystal Springs.

The church membership at South Side has increased from 790 to 1058 since 1945. Additions to the church by baptism alone were 373; total additions 690. The Sunday School enrollment increased from 582 to 773.

The church is now giving 20 percent of current funds to the Co-operative Program. It was formerly 10 per cent.

The church accepted a budget of \$40,000 for 1953-1954.

A \$50,000 educational building, and a \$17,000 parsonage have been erected under the leadership of Mr. Mason.

At Crystal Springs, Mr. Mason will succeed Rev. M. D. Morton who recently went to the pastorate of First Church, Ashland, Kentucky.

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Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. J. W. Goodrich, Benson, North Carolina; Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Royal, Salisbury, North Carolina; Mrs. W. M. Ferguson, Monks; Mrs. T. H. Hammond, Monks; Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Eavenson, Marks, Mrs. W. W. Powell, Monks; Mrs. Lyle Taylor, Corinth; Mrs. D. T. Bumpas, Corinth; Mrs. Lee Crawford, Corinth; Avery Edwards, Jackson; Bob Reder, Louisville, Kentucky; R. S. Warren, Jackson; E. C. Wheeler, Eden; Sebe Dale, Columbia.

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The East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, will confer the Doctor of Humanities degree on Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, at their regular commencement exercises in June. At the same time, they will confer the Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Ben R. Stripling, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Gladewater, Texas and Rev. L. L. Morris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Pleasant, Texas. The college will also confer the Doctor of Laws degree on Mr. E. M. Potter, dean of the Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas.

### Sparks & Splinters

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Miers, Liberty; Mrs. Matt Duck, Canterville; Mrs.

Clyde Ward, Jackson; Mrs. H. E. Bronson, Jackson; Mrs. N. L. Harvey, Ridgeland; Thelma June Satterwhite, Rolling Fork; Linda Pickle, Rolling Fork; Carol Ann Miller, Rolling Fork; Nita Miller, Rolling Fork; Mrs. H. A. Winkler, Kosciusko; Mrs. T. L. Reynold Kosciusko; Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, Kosciusko; Rev. Ivan Lowry, Brookhaven; Rev. J. D. Thompson, Booneville; Otha Wingo, Booneville; Mrs. F. F. Izard, Hazlehurst; Mrs. Albert Guynes, Hazlehurst; Rev. Victor C. Johnson, Sartatia; Mrs. A. Z. Stewart Laurel.

Calvary Church, Calhoun County, is going forward under the leadership of Rev. Sammy Crawford. They have just closed a revival in which Rev. L. T. Greer, of Pearson Church, Jackson, did the preaching.

Correction: The Training Union attendance of Northside Church, Jackson for March 28 was listed as 126. It should have been listed as 166.

The Seminary Extension Center for the Pontotoc Association opened Tuesday evening, March 30 with eighteen present. Rev. J. C. Monroe, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, is teaching a course primarily for preachers. Rev. Foy Rogers, associational missionary, reports many favorable comments concerning the school. The meetings are held each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Ecru Baptist Church.

Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Tylertown, held a week-end youth revival April 2-4. Bradley Pope and Johnny Lee Taylor, students at Mississippi College, shared the preaching and song leading honors. There were two professions of faith and three dedications. The youth led in all phases of the services. Joe Ladner was elected and served as youth pastor. Rev. J. Roy Crosby is pastor.

Miss Dolores Holmes, Tupelo, has been elected president of the Student Government Association of Blue Mountain College for the 1954-55 session.

New Orleans Seminary now has a Seminary radio program, "Faith for Life," written and produced on tape by the Seminary Radio Department, directed by Professor W. W. Swartz. The new program features an 18-voice choir directed by Joe Santo, with Mrs. Charles Gray as the organist. The program is heard at 8:30 each Sunday morning over WSMB, New Orleans.

Miss Patty Hollis, Chalhybeate, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College. She will serve during the 1954-55 session.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(BP)—The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions totaled \$3,393,451 by March 23, 1954. This is \$223,000 more than for the same date last year, it was reported by Mrs. George R. Martin, president, Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Largest single state contribution was \$1,277,048 from Texas.



Shown above is a scene at the recent corner stone laying at Edon Church, Jasper County.

Valued at \$40,000 the building will be completed by May 1.

The church was organized in 1896 and Mrs. Bill Grissom is the oldest living member. Rev. Artis Brewer is the pastor.

The address at the corner stone laying was delivered by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Others having parts on the program were Rev. Grady Smith, Rev. J. H. Street, Mrs. Audrey Hall, the deacons, the building committee, Mrs. J. L. Harrell, Miss Barbara Brewer, Rev. Dick Gwin, and Rev. Ralph Davis, missionary to Africa.

The special offering for the building fund amounted to \$2,015.91.

### 33 ADDITIONS IN LONGVIEW REVIVAL

Rev. Pete Steelman, pastor Calvary Church, Starkville, was the preacher and Rev. Bill Traylor, Mississippi College, led the singing for the revival at Longview Church. There were 33 additions. Two young men surrendered to preach. Rev. James Pugh is pastor.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. Willie Meadow, Laurel; Mrs. J. D. Rosberry, Laurel; Mrs. Cecil Smith, Laurel; Mrs. Tedford Brogan, Laurel; Mrs. Curtis Harvey, Carson; Mrs. Houston Morris, Carson; Mrs. A. E. Nelson, Carson; Mrs. W. C. Churchwell, Leakesville; Mrs. J. W. James, State Line; Mrs. C. A. Phillips, Louise; Mrs. A. E. Lucas, Louise; Mrs. Milton Tutor, Ingomar; Mrs. M. L. Dilworth, Shelby; Mrs. A. D. Bassett, Shelby; Miss Valeria Sherard, Anchorage, Alaska; Mrs. W. O. Wages, Horn Lake; Mrs. C. S. Henderson, Horn Lake.

Athens Church in Monroe County held its spring revival March 28-April 1 with evening services only. There were 11 additions, 7 for baptism. Rev. John Andrews is the pastor.

Rev. Luther S. Bullard, who was recently licensed to preach by Heuck's Retreat Church, Lincoln County, will preach his first sermon there on Sunday, April 11, according to an announcement by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Porter.

BAGOTA, Columbia (RNS)—A school inspector in the city of Armenia, Caldas province, has ordered a Protestant school there to close down and his directive has been approved by the provincial authorities. The school presumably was closed in compliance with the Jan. 28 ruling of the Colombia Interior Ministry which forbade non-Catholics in the country to proselytize or propagandize outside their places of worship. Under the ruling Protestant missionaries are barred from performing any public missionary or education work in Catholic mission territories except for children of non-Catholic foreigners.

### Rev. J. L. Cook Honored On Fifth Anniversary

Mt. Vernon Church, Lauderdale County, recently observed the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. John L. Cook Jr. with an all-day program, which had been secretly arranged by the members of the church.

At the close of the morning worship program W. S. Warren cited the many accomplishments of the church under Mr. Cook's leadership and Mrs. B. M. Rose on behalf of the church presented a nice gift for the home.

A feature of the picnic dinner was a beautifully decorated threeter anniversary cake.

The afternoon program consisted of music by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Cullum and a sermon by Rev. W. M. Harwell, pastor of Mt. Olive Church.

Mr. Cook is a graduate of Mississippi College and is now a student at the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Cook, the former Frances Kinard, is a graduate of Clarke and Blue Mountain Colleges and formerly served as Educational Secretary of 41st Avenue church in Meridian.

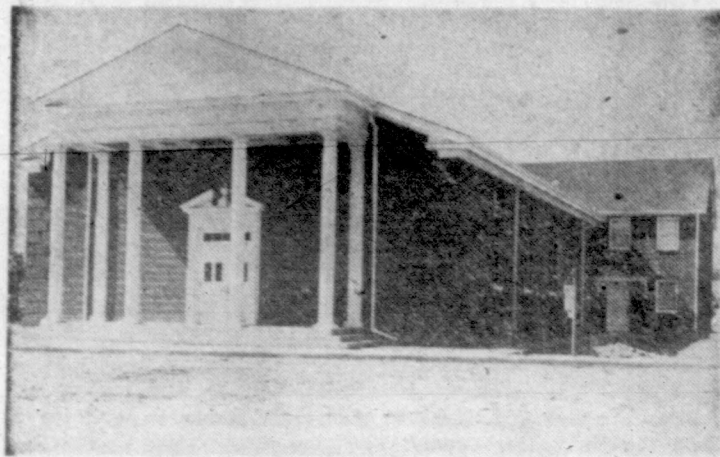
During Mr. Cook's pastorate a modern brick building, consisting of a sanctuary Sunday school rooms and a recreation hall, has been erected.

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A unanimously adopted Senate resolution calls upon churches and synagogues to offer special prayers on Sunday, April 16 (the date of both Easter Sunday and Passover observances for the deliverance from "persecution" of Cardinal Mindszenty and Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary). . . Cardinal Wyszyński (of Poland) . . . Archbishop Stepinac (of Yugoslavia) . . . and other clergymen and laymen in Iron Curtain countries. No mention was made of religious persecution in Purple Curtain countries like Spain, Colombia, or Italy; nor did any senator show concern over the impropriety of civil legislators in the United States (where separation of church and state is a constitutional precept) telling religious groups when and how to pray.



## BEACON ST. CHURCH DEDICATES AUDITORIUM



Shown above is the Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, which held dedicatory services for their new auditorium Sunday, March 28.

The pastor, the Rev. James F. Kirkendall, preached the morning sermon. The Rev. R. A. Herrington, former pastor, preached during the afternoon service, and the Rev. Kenneth Hall, Nesboba county Association Missionary when the church started as a mission of the First Church of Philadelphia, and first pastor of the church preached the evening sermon.

The Sunday School set a record in attendance with 246 attending, and the Baptist Training Union also set a record in attendance with 130.

The building committee was composed of W. D. Cole, chairman, O. W. Hardy, E. C. Yates, Odell Dearing, Randolph Cheatham, Mesdames E. S. Cole and C. J. Dewese. N. W. Overstreet of Jackson was the architect.

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## Religious Orders Benefit By New Tax Bill

Editor's Note: This is more discrimination in favor to the Catholics. Catholic sisters and priests who teach in public schools will collect their salaries and turn them over to their superiors and pay no tax. Mississippi teachers who barely make enough to live on will continue to be taxed. Income is income regardless of its disposition.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Persons who assign their entire income to a religious order or charitable institution, or who make such generous philanthropic donations that they give away virtually all their income, are exempted from paying taxes by the administration's omnibus tax reform bill.

The measure was passed by the House and is awaiting Senate action.

It provides that when the total of a taxpayer's income taxes plus his charitable contributions equals 90 per cent of his net income—and has done so for nine out of the past ten years—all limitations on the deductibility of his charitable contributions is waived.

Major beneficiaries will be religious orders whose members assign it, upon entering, all income they derive from estates or other "outside" sources. Previously, such persons had to pay income tax on all but 20 per cent of such income, the regular maximum deduction for contributions permitted all taxpayers.

## Quotable Quotes

DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

"Nothing short of a great, sweeping revival of New Testament faith can stem the tide of communism that has already engulfed more than one-third of the peoples of the world."

"My recent world mission journey which took me over a distance of 35,617 miles by air, and to a score of nations, was the most arresting, and at times the most disturbing, experience of my life."

"I am profoundly convinced that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only adequate remedy for the grievous ills with which humanity is so obviously afflicted."

"The doors to evangelical missions are slowly closing throughout Asia. If those who know Christ believe in the efficacy of their message and in their responsibility to share the Christian message with the whole world, then they had better get at their mission now."

"The time in which they can deliver that message may be incredibly short. Wherever communism has gone it has closed the door to world missions. It has done more than this—it has barred the door and nailed it shut."

MISS ALMA HUNT

"You will recognize that your past successes should be only stepping stones for future endeavors."

"With strong foundations laid and organizational framework secure, we should achieve greater things in future."

"By measuring ourselves, by measuring our opportunities and rising to our full measurements."

"Only as we inject the missionary message into hearts of our young people can we live in the tomorrow."

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## IN MEMORY OF A DEAR MOTHER AND WIFE

Mrs. Willie Bruce Maroon, who passed away on April 15, 1953. One year has passed since that sad day.

The one we loved was called away. We loved her then, we love her still.

Forget her! No, we never will.

We did all we could to save her till

God called her to his side.

It seemed she had to go to a better place

And could no longer bide.

The flowers we placed upon her grave

May wither and decay,

But the love that lies within our hearts

Will never fade away.

The helping hand she offered to all, Though they were great or small. Will always be remembered here As we linger on from year to year.

Her desire was to share with others All their pain and sorrows.

Her tender words and charming smile

We will see and hear again tomorrow.

Our thoughts of her from day to day

Are the sweetest thoughts we know,

Though it broke our heart to give her up.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

Picture Shows

Question: I am a girl eighteen years old and a Christian. I want to know if it is wrong to go the picture show. Will you please explain to me the 15th verse of the second chapter of First John. It confuses me and I hardly know what it means.

Answer: Are you trying to get me shot? Don't you know that there are people who will shed good, honest blood over this issue. No, I won't tell you.

But I will tell you the principles by which you may wisely tell yourself. First, does it harm you or someone else to go to shows? Second, would it be right if all people went? Third, what effect does it have on your Christian testimony? Fourth, what does the Bible say?

This last I would have put first, except for your second question. I John 2:15 says, "Love not the world." John means by the "world" those things which destroy, harm, handicap, or deter a man in following Christ. The old puritans included in worldliness such things as laughter, reading novels, dancing on the village green, whistling on the Sabbath, making money, wearing beautiful clothes, and many others.

If I were you, I would think for myself on these matters. You have judgment. Pray. Be conscientious. Read the Bible. But, for heavens sake, don't condemn picture shows and then sit by the hours and watch television.

Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

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"In ten years of city mission work, sponsored by the Home Mission Board and state conventions, over 700 new churches have been constituted in the cities where we have city mission program." Courts Redford.

## North Carolina Baptists Replace Three BSU Men

GREENSBORO, N. C. —(BP) —

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in a special session here March 30, approved a committee's recommendation that three student secretaries in North Carolina be replaced.

Over 750 interested Baptists attended the meeting. The tense fourteen-hour session of the eighty-five-member board the convention in interim) was climaxed at 12:30 a. m. with the announcement that the trio would be relieved "effective immediately," with several months salary in lieu of notice. Some thirty five speakers were heard before the board went into executive session for its final four hours' deliberation.

A majority of the speakers were students whose divergent views showed there was divided opinion among students themselves as to the effectiveness of the BSU program in North Carolina. Nine members of the Chapel Hill Baptist Church which serves the University of North Carolina appeared and their statements revealed a split church brought about largely by the inability of student leaders to work in harmony with church leaders.

The seven-member committee has been at work since last November's state convention when it was named. The incident which touched off the study was the forced cancellation of the appearance of Nels S. F. Ferre, Vanderbilt University theologian, on the student convention program a week before the state convention met here. Committee chairman W. Perry Crouch said Ferre's books indicated that he "does not believe in the virgin birth, the resurrection, the incarnation, the sinlessness of Jesus, or that Jesus was Saviour and Lord."

At the onset, Crouch said, "We have not considered our committee a court. Our study was conducted on an adult level. There was no quarrel with the students at any time. We were not trying to control the thinking of our students, save as a coach would influence them."

Another committee member Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem, said his impression after querying 117 pastors was that they were disturbed over the BSU, "Feeling it was swinging too far away from the main stream of Baptist conviction."

Besides Chairman Crouch, the committee named by President Douglas Branch was composed of John Lawrence, pastor, Shelby; Henry B. Anderson, pastor, Durham; Boyce Brooks, pastor, Albemarle; Ralph A. Herring, pastor, Winston-Salem; Mrs. C. Gordon Maddrey, Ahoskie, state WMU president; and Mrs. W. K. McGee, Winston-Salem.

In preparing its report, the committee obtained information from a number of sources including letters from pastors, laymen, student secretaries, faculty members, and students from college centers; programs of state BSU conventions and retreats as to emphasis and personnel for the last seven years; a survey of reaction of a cross-section of pastors in the state, in addition to numerous personal interviews with student secretaries, students, pastors, and laymen. A comparative study of Baptist student programs in other states was also made.

The three men are James W. Ray, state secretary for the past seven years; J. C. Herrin, secretary at the University of North Carolina for eight years; and Max Wicker, secretary at Duke University for the past year.



Shown above is scene last week at the beginning of Youth Week in the First Church, Vicksburg, as Dr. John G. McCall, pastor, (right) presents the symbolic "key to the church," to Barger Moss, Youth Week Educational Director and church Youth Council president, (center), and Ellis Bryan, Director of Christian Education of the church, assists in the presentation. The young people's choir of the church is in the background.

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its width and depth.

But what a Wonderful Place for her to go!

Sadly missed by Husband and Daughter, (paid) C. E. Maroon and Sondra.

EL MONTE, Calif. —(BP) Meeting for the first time since its ownership by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, the board of directors of California Baptist College voted unanimously to continue P. Boyd Smith as president. He served as president when the college was owned by the Los Angeles Association.